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LARGE SQUAD REPORTS FOR CREW PRACTICE

Two Shells Out Every Day On River---First Race On Friday

With the advent of the new shell rowing has received another impetus which is second only to that which followed the first announcement that the Institute would have a crew. The call for candidates for the second shell brought out fourteen men, several of whom had not reported before the first cut.

This now makes a squad of 24 men who report regularly for practice every afternoon. The first crew is rapidly coming into form and last night Coach O'Leary definitely arranged a race with the Harvard Junior crew for next Friday afternoon. This race will be a good test for the Technology eight because the Crimson men are a seasoned crew and are rowing with clock-like regularity. The Institute eight is made up of heavy men, no man weighing less than 160 pounds and all but one or two are over six feet tall. Now that the men are rowing more evenly this weight and strength is beginning to tell in faster time. The first crew was on the river for three hours last night and came back in good condition.

Several promising men are coming out for the second shell. The following men rowed in the second shell last night:

Stroke, Sandstein, Pinnock; No. 2, McKenney, Manley; No. 3, Babbitt, Jenks; No. 4, Lawler, Wildes; No. 5, Robinson; No. 6, Freeman; No. 7, J. S. Selfridge; Bow, Sweet; Coxswain, Mendenhall.

BIG FLEET IN HARBOR

The presence of an unusually large fleet of naval vessels in Boston Harbor offers a splendid opportunity for those who are interested in U. S. Navy affairs to see a thoroughly representative part of our navy. In all there are 22 ships here, ranging from the most modern, the North Dakota, to the historic frigate Constitution, now scarcely more than a battered old hulk.

Some of the vessels are riding at anchor well up in the inner harbor, and the remainder are docked in the navy yard. For the next few weeks work will be rushing at the local navy yard, as more or less repairing and fitting out is to be done on all the vessels.

Among the largest battleships here are the New Jersey, Vermont, Missouri, and North Dakota. A number of the submarines are also in the navy yard, being fitted out for the coming trials off Provincetown.

Boston, May 4—Another jump in immigration at this port is scheduled for the six days of May from the 4th to the 9th, inclusive, for there are 5,297 passengers on the ocean bound for this port, and due to arrive here before May 10, the largest number for a like time for nearly three years.

Of this number 125 are coming as saloon, 678 as second cabin, and 4,494 as steerage passengers.

London, May 4.—London is making much of Commander Peary. Interest in his visit is not confined to scientific circles. A great crowd in the streets adjacent to the home of the Royal Society where he was entertained at luncheon, awaited the arrival of the American explorer and gave him a hearty reception.

IMPORTANT MASS-MEETING

COMES TO-DAY AT 1.30

Introduction Of Honor-System Will Be Considered By Student-Body

At today's mass meeting the question of the introduction of an honor system will be discussed by the students only. In order to aid those who have not had this problem brought before them until now we give here some of the arguments in favor of, and some of those against such a system.

The strongest argument which the exponents of the honor system advance is that it will do away with a large amount of cheating. Each year a rather considerable per cent. of men are expelled from the Institute for cheating during examinations, and it is generally believed that dishonesty is even more prevalent than would be indicated by the number of men who are caught. These are the conditions which it is proposed to remedy by putting each man upon his honor, and placing upon the student body the responsibility of bringing offenders to punishment.

Perhaps quite as important as this, is the point that the honor system would create a spirit of honor among the student body. It is supposed that a man who violated his pledge would be looked down upon by his fellow students, and that the fear of excommunication would keep men from cheating.

Perfect freedom during examinations, and the fact that no proctor is standing over you to catch you cheating, it is held, will, to a great extent, relieve the nervous strain felt by many at the time of an examination. It is no doubt true that many students do feel the effects of the strain, and that this acts upon them so that they do not perform their best work. Men frequently claim that they did poorly in a test because they were nervous, or hurried or ill at ease.

Those who believe in the honor system look upon the proctor as a sort of detective whose business it is to catch people cheating; and they maintain that the presence in the room of such a detective is an affront to those men who are honest, and who would not think of giving or receiving during an examination.

That the honor system will by no means prevent cheating, and may even make matters worse, is the first point advanced by those who oppose this innovation. Men will be too busy in doing their own work to watch their neighbors, and consequently the dishonest ones would be able to cheat with much greater impunity than if there was a proctor in the room.

If a man is actually seen to cheat it is very doubtful whether he would be reported to the faculty or to a committee. Every man would shrink from the responsibility of accusing a fellow-student, and possibly be the cause of his expulsion.

A spirit of honor, far from being created by any system, must exist before an honor system can hope to be successful. Unless the spirit of honor prevails very generally, the honor system would not be unanimously and unconditionally supported, and consequently it would surely fail.

Unless the honor system were an unqualified success it would work great hardship and injustice upon the honest men. Higher standards would be set by those who cheat, and the honest ones would, of course, have to reach these standards in order to pass an examination.

The opponents of the honor system hold that the Institute, because of the peculiar conditions which prevail, is not the proper place to apply such a system.

The standing of Tech in the industrial world is so high that men come here for the sake of the reputation, and naturally these want to get their diploma as quickly and as easily as possible. Furthermore, the student-body is so scattered that no strong "esprit du corps" exists, so that a cheater might find that he is not frowned upon by all of his companions.

The presence of a proctor in the examination room, it is held, is no more a reflection upon anyone's honor than is the presence of an officer at the street corner. The proctor is necessary, and no honest man would feel constrained by his presence.

Lastly, and most important of all, is the point that the responsibility placed upon the students by the honor system is far too great. To expect students to be as vigilant and as conscientious as a proctor is hardly reasonable, and in every case of suspected cheating there might be just sufficient doubt to prevent any man from assuming the responsibility of making a report.

The mass meeting comes from 1.30 till 2.30 today, and the committee hopes for a full attendance so that the question may be thoroughly discussed.

Wellesley, May 4—The May day festivities at Wellesley College were restricted by the weather this year to one ried out yesterday morning. After waiting, the hoop-rolling, which was carrying three days for favorable weather, the students finally decided at a mass meeting at noon to postpone the fancy dress May party in the open and dancing around the May pole, indefinitely. An hour before recitations began the 250 seniors, protected from the raw wind and dampness by sweaters and coats, came driving their hoops down the hill from College Hall to the chapel. At the chapel entrance they formed in two lines, making an arch of their hoops, under which the members of the other classes, numbering 1,000, passed into the edifice. After the brief regular chapel service the hoop-rolling was resumed, ending at the campus, where the seniors arranged themselves in groups forming the class numeral, 1910.

Boston, May 4—A movement to increase passenger rates on many of the railroads between the Mississippi river and the Atlantic seaboard will become practically general in New England by June 1. Following the recent announcement of an advance by the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, the Boston & Maine and Boston & Albany managements today stated that they had decided to raise rates because of the increased cost of operation, due largely to the higher wages insisted upon by the employees.

Washington, May 4.—It seems likely that the bill introduced by Representative Francis Burton Harrison of New York, for the creation of Columbus day in honor of Christopher Columbus, will be passed before the end of the session. The bill makes Oct. 12, the date of the discovery of America, a legal holiday. Several of the leading states have passed statutes creating Columbus day and in Washington it is felt that there is a widespread demand throughout the country for national legislation establishing the holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

CADET ENCAMPMENT

The faculty of the University of Minnesota have voted to recommend an encampment for the cadet corps to be held during the month of September. The arguments in favor of such an encampment were that the students receive very little practical knowledge of military tactics under the ordinary drill system, and that a week or ten days of camp life would be of practical benefit.

The encampment would be held at Fort Snelling, when the cadets would be in contact with the regular soldiers. This was made the basis of the argument of the opposition who declared that it would be unwise to bring the boys into the company of the regular soldiers, whose standards of living are not the best. However, the majority of the faculty distinctly favored the week encampment idea.

The possibility of holding an encampment for the freshman battalion here at Technology has been mentioned, but so far the difficulties in the way have seemed too great to permit such progress along this line.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Richards attended the banquet in New York City on Saturday, April 30, held to celebrate the 70th birthday of Dr. R. W. Raymond, Secretary of American Institute of Mining Engineers.

At the banquet were representatives from all over the country and from England and France. Dr. Raymond was presented with a gold medal by the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy of Great Britain and a silver service by his friends here.

M. Jarry and M. Stahl visited the Institute Monday. They have been sent over to this country by the French government to investigate our scientific schools with an idea of sending graduate students here for advanced work.

Atlanta, Ga., May 4.—Much interest has been aroused here in a four-mile race between Charles K. Hamilton, in a Curtiss biplane, and Jean Juhasz of New York city, in a fast racing automobile, in which the flying machine was the winner.

The race was a genuine contest, and both the man in the air and the man on the ground did his best. It was contested over the two-mile speedway, and at the end of the first lap the aeroplane was not more than the width of the machine ahead.

In the second lap, by favoring wind or increased momentum, the flying machine gained steadily, and at the finish Mr. Hamilton, by a bit of aerial jockeying, glided down to the ground nearly forcing the automobile off the track to avoid a smash.

It is the first time on record, so far as known, that a bona fide race between a flying machine and an automobile has been tried, and the event has caused much talk among sportsmen.

CALENDAR.

Wednesday, May 4.

1.30—Mass Meeting, ... Hall.
4.15—C. E. Society, 6 Lowell.

Thursday, May 5.

6.30—C. E. Society Banquet—American House.
8.00—Chemical Society, 6 Lowell.

Friday, May 6.

3.00—1913 M. A. H. S. Baseball, Tech Field.

Saturday, May 7.

2.00 Tech-Wesleyan Meet, Middletown.
12.00—1912, Dean Baseball, Meet in Union.

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BOSTON, MASS., MAY 4, 1910.

The Mass Meeting this noon deserves the attention of all students at the Institute, for there will be considered a matter of the gravest importance to student welfare. It may be slightly inconvenient to curtail the lunch hour to make it possible to get there by 1.30, but it is well worth the trouble.

It is unfortunate that some of the instructors have not made it possible for all to attend by planning trips at 2.00 o'clock on this date, but those who can should more than take up their places with themselves and their ideas.

It is seldom that the student body is able to come together with an idea in common, so this opportunity should be more than welcome.

Do some thinking before you come and do some talking when you get there.

Every one who wishes will be given three minutes in which to express his ideas on the question for or against.

Get the ideas and then express them.

Three cheers for the crew and its new shell! Their progress is really wonderful considering the handicaps they must overcome.

A Tech encampment might prove a little more popular as well as profitable than the present regular drill.

Don't forget that the fellows leave Friday for the Wesleyan meet. The exact time will be announced in tomorrow's issue. Get down to the station and see them off. It is the only dual meet this year. Make the most of it.

THE ARENA

Trull, the Freshman sprinter didn't show up at the Field last Saturday at the handicap meet. He was to be scratch man in the century run. Probably he would have won the event but he should have started if he possibly could, for he needs quite a bit of practice before he thinks of competing with men like Robson of Wesleyan.

If White 1911, the long-distance man would only take a longer stride, he would soon rank with the more experienced men in the two-mile run. He can keep up the same pace for miles but his pace is a little too slow; take a faster pace and a longer stride, White, and you'll easily keep up with the bunch.

Captain Gere of the crew has issued a call for candidates for the second eight. All those men who were dropped a while ago should get back to practice now: they will probably be the men who make the first crew next season.

It seems too bad that the Freshman baseball team is so much better than that of the Sophs. But you never can tell a great deal about baseball: the net game might be just as one-sided as was Monday's and perhaps the Sophs will be the ones on top. Capt. Taylor's team has shown flashes of very brilliant playing.

Everyone pull for Tech in the track meet with Wesleyan next Saturday! It's our only dual meet this year and we must make good. Last Saturday, Williams tied Wesleyan with the score of 63 to 63.

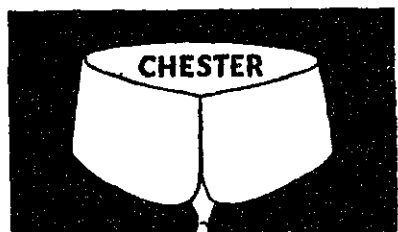
Davis showed up well in the half-mile run last week: he has improved greatly in the last few months.

Each of the men on the relay team that went to Philadelphia received a gold watch for winning the race from Syracuse. Didn't you kind of hate to take yours, Pete? Never mind, the men would probably have received them even if the Syracuse team had run.

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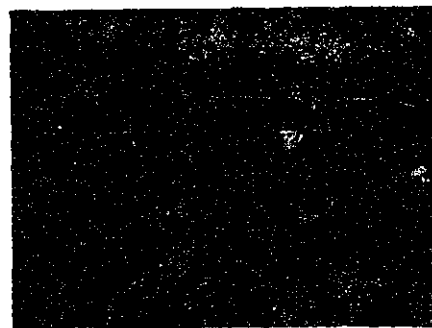
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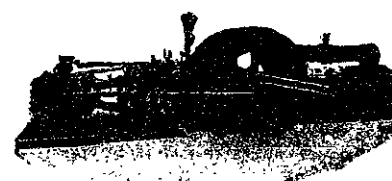
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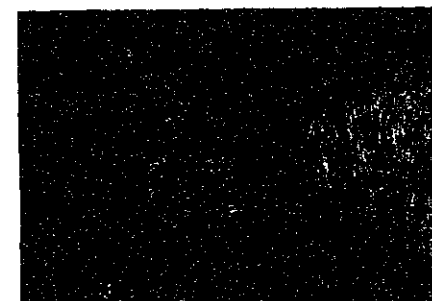
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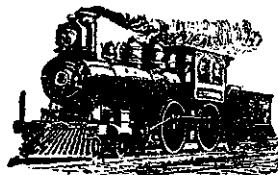
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Boston, May 4.—The tariff and the trusts are practically exonerated in the report of the Massachusetts state commission which has studied the causes of the present cost of high living.

These are the causes, say the probers for the present sky-rocket prices:

Increase of the gold supply.

Enormous waste of income on the part of nation, states and individuals.

Increasing burden of disease, accident, crime and pauperism.

Desire of citizens for luxuries.

Factors operating on side of supply to reduce volume and increase expenditures.

Paris, May 4.—The announcement was made yesterday that there had been constructed under the direction of the war department and with strict secrecy, a dirigible balloon of the semi-rigid type, capable of a speed of 80 kilometres (approximately 50 miles) an hour and that the machine would be ready for participation in the approaching summer army maneuvers.

The new military craft has been named The Frigate. It measures 3200 cubic metres and has two nacelles or ears, within which are contained motors designed to develop 240 horse-power.

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Madrid, May 4.—Violent earthquake shocks were felt at 4.25 p. m. yesterday in the provinces of Olivenza and Badajoz, near the Portuguese frontier. No damage is reported.

Copenhagen, May 3.—The Roosevelts began a charming day in Denmark's capital and the adjacent country with an automobile drive to the Castle of Frederiksborg, which was built by Frederick II, in 1562, the main portion being replaced by the present structure in 1602 by Christian IV. In the castle church six Danish kings have been crowned. A visit to the National Museum was made the occasion of a friendly demonstration by the students from the government school. Mr. Roosevelt acknowledged the greeting in a brief speech. The motor drive was then continued to Helsingør.

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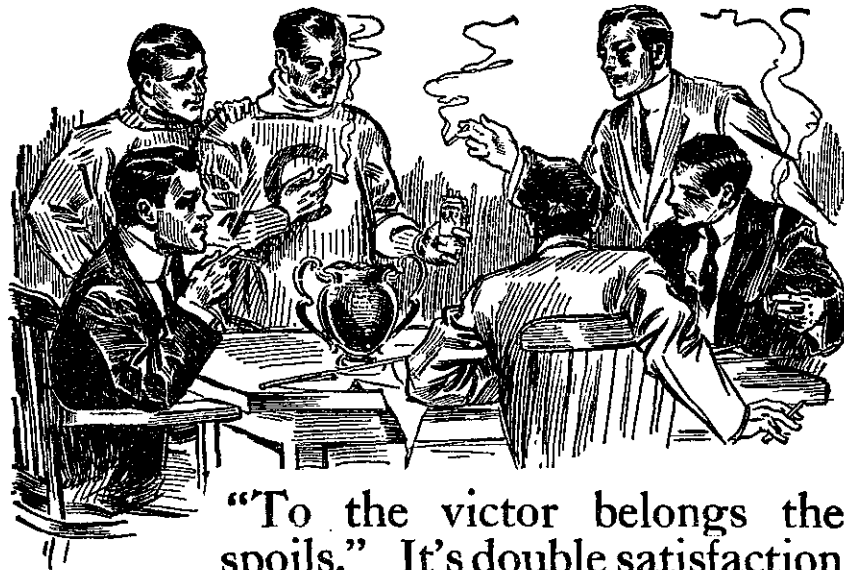
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The Annual Banquet of the Society will be held this year at the American House on the 5th of May at 6.30 P. M. The speakers will be Prof. Spofford, Pres. Lucius Tuttle, Mr. A. F. Bemis, president of the Alumni, Mr. James P. Munroe, secretary of the Alumni, and Mr. Wheelwright.

Tickets should be procured at once from men in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year rooms. Price \$1.00 for members, \$1.50 for non-members.

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R. W. LEWIS, Secretary.

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